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SUBJECT: PROPOSED UN-US CONFERENCE AT GENEVA ON ANTI-
NARCOTICS STRATEGY FOR AFGHANISTAN

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1. ON APRIL 6, EMBASSY OFFICERS DISCUSSED WITH VISITING ANDRE SAENGER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE UNDND, GENEVA, AND JOHN WARNER, DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR, PARIS, THE NEED FOR AN EARLY CONFERENCE OF UN AND US OFFICIALS AT GENEVA TO DISCUSS AN ONWARD ANTI-NARCOTICS STRATEGY TO COPE WITH THE GROWING NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN AFGHANISTAN (REFTEL). AFTER CONSIDERING THE MANY ISSUES WHICH NEED TO BE DISCUSSED, SAENGER AGREED THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL. HE ALSO AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR THE UN AND US AGENCIES INVOLVED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON FUTURE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS BEFORE PRESENTING THEM TO THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) FOR CONSIDERATION.

2. BECAUSE SAENGER ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO
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HAVE A PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING, THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS
THE FOLLOWING TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION:

A. IMPROVEMENT OF ANTI-NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS:

(1) CONSIDERATION OF THE DEA PROPOSAL TO INCREASE FINANCIAL
SUPPORT AND STANDARDIZE PROCEDURES FOR THE UN NARCOTICS ADVISOR

(UNNA)'S SEIZURE AND INFORMANT OPERATIONS.

(A) DEA'S REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(B) LIMITATIONS OF THE AFGHAN POLICE AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

(C) ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT NEEDED BY THE UNNA IN ORDER TO MEET INCREASED REQUIREMENTS.

(2) HOW TO SUPPORT THE UNNA'S SUPERVISION OF AN INCREASING NUMBER OF ANTI-SMUGGLING UNITS (ASUS).

(3) IMPROVED ARMS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE ASUS.

B. IMPROVEMENT OF ANTI-NARCOTICS TRAINING OPERATIONS.

(1) POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT OF A UN TRAINING OFFICER TO AFGHANISTAN.

(2) POSSIBLE SUPPORT OF THAT UN TRAINING OFFICER BY A DEA REGIONAL TRAINING OFFICER.

(3) DESIRABILITY OF MORE IN-COUNTRY TRAINING IN AFGHANISTAN, PARTICULARLY IN THE PROVINCES.

C. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UPPER HELMAND OPIUM ERADICATION PROJECT.

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(1) WHO WILL TAKE OVER THE IMPLEMENTATION ROLE ONCE UNFDAC OBTAINS THE NECESSARY FINANCING AND LAUNCHES THE PROJECT?

(2) HOW CAN THIS PILOT PROJECT BE EXTENDED AS A PRECEDENT INTO THE MAJOR OPIUM PRODUCTION REGIONS OF NANGARHAR AND KONAR?

D. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADDICT-TREATMENT PROGRAM IN BADA KHSHAN.

E. DESIRABILITY OF ASSIGNING AN ASSISTANT RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR NARCOTICS TO UNDP/AFGHANISTAN TO OVERSEE ALL FOUR ELEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT: ENFORCEMENT, TRAINING, COORDINATION, AND ADDICT TREATMENT.

3. THOSE ATTENDING THE APRIL 6 MEETING THOUGHT THAT THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES SHOULD BE AMONG THOSE REPRESENTED AT THE GENEVA MEETING: S/NM, NEA, UNDND, UNFDAC, UNITU, UNDP/KABUL, UNNA/KABUL, DEA PARIS, DEA KABUL, AND EMBASSY KABUL.
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